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## U.S. & THE WAR.

### A REPLY FROM WASHINGTON. TROUBLE SPREADING.

Both Sides Claim To Be Aggrieved Party.

### JAPANESE OPINION FAVOURS TROOPS IN CHINA.

At the moment it is impossible to say categorically whether the trouble between the Chinese and the Japanese in Tsinan, Shantung, is spreading or abating. Drastic action has been taken and both sides claim to be the aggrieved party. However, there is hope that the United States Government may be asked to intervene officially but Washington says that it can only do so if asked by both sides.

In places other than Tsinan itself, fear of trouble has lessened somewhat. Hankow is quiet. Little has been done at Canton where holders of Japanese goods do not display apprehension over the proposed boycott.

From Chinkiang comes the report that riots and looting have occurred in the native city but the outbreaks have been quelled.

### YANGTSZE HAPPENINGS.

Washington, Yesterday.  
With reference to the report from Shanghai that the Nationalist Government is considering inviting the United States to mediate in the Sino-Japanese conflict, the State Department has pointed out that the United States will only be able to do so if invited by both sides.—Reuter's American Service.

#### Chinkiang Rioting.

Chinkiang, Yesterday.  
Following riots and looting in the native city, the place is now quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Chinkiang is on the south bank of the Lower Yangtze, 156 miles above Shanghai and 45 miles below Nanking, the Nationalist capital.]

#### Hankow Improvement.

Hankow, Yesterday.  
There is no appearance of anti-Japanese feeling among the Chin-

#### JAPANESE TO STAY.

Latest advices through Reuter from Japanese sources point to the fact that it is realised that military occupation in the zone of activities is necessary until order and safety are restored.

ese here at the moment.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The Japanese have a concession at Hankow. There was some agitation at Hankow when the first news of the Tsinan incident got through.]

#### Support For Tanaka.

Osaka, To-day.  
The "Asahi" deplores the fiendish massacre of civilians by the Southerners and considers that now it is imperative to maintain troops to safeguard Japanese nationals and secure reparations.

The "Asahi" has been consistently opposed to the despatch of troops but in view of the gravity of the situation temporarily, it shelves its opposition to Premier Tanaka's Chinese policy and concedes that the Government must take vigorous measures to protect Japanese residents from inhuman molestations of armed brutes.

#### Honour Must Be Upheld.

The Osaka "Mainichi" fears that all hopes of a peaceful, diplomatic settlement will be shattered when the Southerners persistently and deliberately attack the Japanese garrison. The Japanese Commander has been patient and conciliatory, it says, and he only made up his mind to fight when the honour of his country was trampled. National honour must be upheld at any cost, the "Mainichi" adds.—Reuter.

#### International Train.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.  
Reports from Tsinan state that an international train is running to Tsingtao this afternoon at the request of the Consular Body after the Japanese had notified them that Japanese troops may be forced to start military operations.—Reuter.

#### Demands Rejected.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
It is reported from Tsingtao that fighting in Tsinan opened this morning after the Southerners had rejected the Japanese demands, which are reported to be the punishment of the commanders of the troops responsible for the murders of Japanese, the dismemberment of the Southern troops who committed the outrages, the cessation of anti-Japanese demonstration as well as military preparations.—Reuter.

#### Opinion in Japan.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Despite expressions of deep indignation at the Southern barbarities, the Japanese Press and public generally, are notably calm. There is no sign of resentment against individual Chinese residents in Japan.

Missionaries Recalled.

Peking, Yesterday.

The London and Methodist Mis-

siaries are recalling their mis-

### NOT ANTI-BRITISH. General Yang Sen Gives An Understanding.

#### UPPER YANGTSE SHIPS.

Improvement Sets In Along Upper Reaches Of River.

An improvement has set in along the upper stretch of the Yangtze River through General Yang Sen having given an understanding that there will be no interference with British shipping.

The situation, states a British Naval wireless despatch, appears to be satisfactory, following the strike agitation fomented by local Chinese interests.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's a.s. "Kintang" has arrived at Ichang from down-river—being the first British vessel to do so since the recent trouble—and has gone on to Wanhsien.

Semi-Independent State.  
Yang Sen maintains a semi-independent government from about 350 miles above Hankow, in Hupeh province, to the east of Szechuan province.

Action was threatened against Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s a.s. "Kingwo" at Chungking, it will be recalled, and it is now presumed that without official backing, the incident can be regarded as closed.

#### UNSANITARY.

#### SIX PERSONS SLEEPING IN A BASEMENT.

#### COURT SEQUEL.

An elderly Chinese, the tenant of No. 39, Square-street, was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by Sanitary Inspector for sleeping purposes, contrary to an order of the Sanitary Department.

It was stated that the order to close the basement was made last year, but when the Inspector visited the place on Monday night he found six people there. One was fast asleep, while five others were lying on a mat on the floor smoking opium.

The defendant said that the place was not habitually used as sleeping quarters. What happened on this occasion was that some fokis, after work in the evening took mats to the basement to smoke opium and fell asleep there.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, and warned the defendant that he would be fined \$100 if he again came before the Court for a similar offence.

Defendant (an old man) said that he did not have the money to pay the fine, and was given the alternative of 14 days'.

A summons against the owner of the house was mentioned, and the Magistrate was told that it had not been served as the man whose name was taken from the rent receipts could not be found.

His Worship adjourned the summons sine die, and directed that the owner of the house be brought to Court wherever found and the summons served on him.

allegations and propaganda. Though demanding that justice be meted out and that the Chinese responsible for the outrages be fittingly punished, the newspapers urge the Southern leaders to do their utmost to prevent further clashes, which will only aggravate the seriousness of the situation.—Reuter.

The Charge of Murder.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
The allegation that Japanese troops have murdered Mr. Tsai Kung-hsi (Nationalist Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinan) and sixteen other officials at Tsinan has been proved to be unfounded. It is believed the report was deliberately circulated by the Chinese authorities for the purpose of evading responsibility for the Tsinan affair. On the contrary, evidence is reported to show that the Japanese troops have protected Chinese officials.

Reinforcements.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
The Japanese Cabinet has decided to despatch the Nagoya division to Tsingtao. Its war basis will probably be from 15,000 to 18,000 men. The Emperor's sanction will be requested tomorrow.—Reuter.

The Air Arm.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Three Japanese planes have arrived at Tsingtao from Korea, one of which immediately honed

### TWO CEREMONIES.

#### Sir Cecil Clementi's Departure.

#### OFFICIAL SEND-OFF.

Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn Sworn In As Administrator.

Two important ceremonies in connection with the Government of the Colony were held this morning.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., was accorded an official send-off on going on leave. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary) was for the second time sworn in as Officer Administering the Government.

It is hardly necessary to say that the function at Queen's Pier this morning, when His Excellency left, was very imposing.

The entrance to the pier was draped with two large Union Jacks. Bunting and ferns were used for decorating the interior and a large assembly lined up on

### CANTON TAKES PART.

#### Marshal Li Chai-tsun Sends A Representative.

Perhaps the greatest compliment paid to H.E. the Governor when he embarked at Queen's Pier this morning was that by Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Canton.

Mr. Chu had been specially commissioned by Marshal Li Chai-tsun, chairman of the Kwantung Provincial Government, to attend as his representative and bid Sir Cecil Clementi godspeed.

His Excellency was noticed to have a long and earnest conversation with Mr. Chu.

both sides of the red carpet to say "goodbye."

Touch of Colour.

When the guard of honour from the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, under command of Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., arrived, the approaches to the Pier, Statue-square and adjacent buildings were crowded with sightseers who were kept back by cordons.

The Borderers' band, under Mr. W. H. FitzEarle, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster, was also on duty.

There was a wonderful touch of colour on the pier. The Consular Body were in morning attire, but a few preferred uniforms, the French Consul-General (Mons. M. G. Dufaure de la Prade) being a prominent figure with his Legion of Honour decoration. His Excellency the Governor wore official dress with plumed helmet and was a very striking figure.

The Government officials mostly wore morning dress with top hats, but the Chief Justice wore a topee and there were others in conventional lounge suits.

Ladies in Japanese Dress.

Mrs. Southorn and all the official ladies in residence arrived on the scene at an early hour.

Naval officers were in white uniforms with their decorations conspicuous in the sunlight, and their military officers were likewise in their khaki.

His Honour the Chief Justice, the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks);

Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duddup (Bishop of Victoria), the Rt. Rev. Henry Valtorta (Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong), Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie;

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Master Clementi's Friend.

A very human touch was noticed shortly after the arrival of the Hon. Mr. Southorn with Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi's four children.

Master Clementi was with the group. He shouted "goodbye" to one of the Indian chauffeurs from Government House but the latter could not hear. Master Clementi sought permission and went outside the pier to shake hands and say goodbye to his friend.

Those in attendance on His Excellency included Captain A. J. L. Whyte, R. E. and Captain P. Perfect (2nd K.O.S.B.), Adel-de-Camp and Captain E. R. Forster (Private Secretary).

The Air Arm.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

On the arrival of His Excellency

and Lady Clementi, the guard of

### ONE MORE PIRACY.

#### Junk Attacked In British Waters.

#### CREW OVER-POWERED.

Pirates Steal Part Of Cargo And Personal Effects.

Early this week, yet another piracy in British waters was reported to have occurred off Ling-ku-tau, in the vicinity of Deep Bay.

The victim of this outrage was a trading junk which had left Tapping market at noon on Saturday with a cargo of 180 piculs of cin- dens for Hong Kong.

On Sunday evening, the junk was some 600 yards from the shore of Ling-ku-tau, and the crew were ashore when six men, armed with revolvers, came alongside in a small boat and boarded the junk before any of the crew was aware that anything was amiss.

Once on board, the pirates employed their usual methods in such hold-ups. The crew were forced into the hold and the cover fastened over them. The pirates then ransacked the junk and eventually rowed away with part of the cargo and personal effects of the crew valued at \$420.

After a great effort the crew of the junk managed to remove the hatch cover and free themselves. Evidently the pirates had intended returning for more loot, as they had left two of their number as guard. These men were overpowered by the crew, in spite of the fact that one of them had a revolver which he attempted to use twice, but on both occasions the shots missed. Instead of bringing the junk people, for reasons best known to themselves, threw both overboard after administering a severe thumping, and then immediately sailed away from the scene arriving at Chekwan at about midnight.

A report of the piracy was made to the Chinese customs launch "Dlu On" which was met on the way. She searched for the pirate craft, but without success.

The crew of the pirated junk reached Hong Kong yesterday afternoon and immediately made a report to the police.

honour presented arms and the band played the national anthem. His Excellency, accompanied by Colonel Comyn (the officer commanding the Borderers) and Captain Whyte, then inspected the guard and proceeded to the wharf.

Some of Those Present.

Among others present were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., O.B.E. (acting Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock (acting Attorney-General), the Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.M.G., (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie;

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Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) described the issue of a manifesto by Prince Carol to be informed that his presence in England was no longer welcome and he should terminate his visit without delay.

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sugar industry.

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a sympathetic refusal, by Mr. R.  
S. Bajaj, Director of Public In-  
formation, on behalf of the Gov-  
ernment, to adopt a "Fascist mea-  
sure"; and the latter fell through  
owing to a countout, after the same

Government spokesman had affirmed  
the Government's readiness to  
carry out the Sugar Committee's  
proposals, following the receipt of  
the report of the Royal Agricul-  
tural Commission, presided over  
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work soon.

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formed that the life of the big  
guns was the firing of 50 shells. It  
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AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai) Thursday, 21st May.

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SHIPPING  
SECTION.

DUTCH YARDS.

EXISTENCE OF PRECARIOUS  
SITUATION.

OVER-EXTENSION.

According to a special report issued in the "Bulletin d'Information" of the Central Committee of French Shipowners, the general situation of the Dutch shipbuilding yards is anything but satisfactory. For this state of affairs there are various causes, some general and others special. The numerous shipbuilding yards which were created immediately after the war in all maritime countries, when there were expectations of large orders for new tonnage, gave rise to such severe competition that it soon became practically impossible to secure contracts which would yield even a moderate profit. On the other hand, the price of plates and shipbuilding steel in general has increased to such an extent since the formation of the steel "cartel" as to become a real menace to the shipbuilding industry, which formerly was often able to profit by the bitter rivalry which prevailed between the English and German steel producers.

Since 1923 it would appear, according to the report mentioned, that it has been impossible to construct in Holland any merchant ship on which the builders could realize a profit. It is only from warship construction that any remuneration has been obtained. The reason for this is that in Holland, as in other countries, there are too many shipyards in proportion to the needs of the shipowners, who already have more tonnage than they require. These establishments, especially those of Rotterdam, underwent an extraordinary extension during the war, but the present day orders are insufficient to enable them to earn

even a bare living. The Rotterdamsche Droogdok Maatschappij has no fewer than 12 building slips, and could by itself alone construct all the new mercantile tonnage required by Holland.

Repair Competition Keen.

The only profits which the shipbuilding yards have realised, apart from warship construction, have come from orders given out a long time ago or from repairs necessitating drydocking. In this respect the Amsterdamsche Droogdok Maatschappij has shown good progress as compared with 1925 and 1926, although in this field also competition is becoming very bitter. English shipowners, the "Bulletin" says, are endeavouring, as far as possible, to have their ships repaired in their own country; German ships no longer go to Amsterdam, while a large number of Dutch vessels are sent for repair to Hamburg or to the Baltic.

The Dutch shipbuilders, it is declared, prefer to let an order slip through their fingers so as to be sure of not incurring a loss by accepting it, as has been the case in the course of the last few years. Occasionally there are circumstances which the submission of a tender at a low price as, for example, when the builders happen to be holding a large stock of the prime materials, (or when it is a question of a type of ship which has already been built at the yard and of which the plans and model are still in existence, these being circumstances which make it possible to effect considerable economies.

In the absence of these favourable factors, however, any tender at a low price will inevitably bring about a loss of money. Sometimes one will find shipbuilders who are willing to work at reduced prices in the hope that an intensive exploitation of their building slips will enable them to realise a profit. Facts, however, have invariably shown, the fallaciousness of such

reasoning. Thus the Dutch shipbuilding yards are now displaying a tendency to reject orders by which they have nothing to gain.

Forty-Eight-Hour Week Blamed.

The main fact which emerges from this brief survey is that the demand for new tonnage stands in no sort of proportion to the capacity for production which the Dutch shipbuilding yards had acquired during the war. On the other hand, a certain number of orders have come from abroad—a submarine for Turkey, three steamers for Belgium, and a few orders for English account. These offer some slight compensation for the Dutch contracts which have been sent out of the country. Nevertheless, the prospects for maritime construction in Holland are far from satisfactory, and even admitting that the ten or a dozen orders for new tonnage which are anticipated in the Netherlands, they will still be inadequate for the productive capacity of the industry.

"In maritime circles," the "Bulletin" concludes, "there is no hesitation in attributing the decline of the Dutch shipbuilding industry to the 48-hour week and a not sufficiently intensive exploitation of the machinery. And in order to be entirely just it is necessary to add to these causes the well-known slowness of the Dutch workman."

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port this morning were as follow:

North wall basin: Wild Swan, Keppler; South wall basin: Kharki; East wall basin: Moth, LS, L27, L38; North arm of Dockyard: Wanderer, Witherington, Wiven, Verity; West wall Dock: Veteran, in Dockyard: Tarantula, Franco, B.P.T.; No. 2 buoy: Wishart; No. 3 buoy: Wolverine; No. 6 buoy: Berwick; No. 8 buoy: Titania, L20, L33; No. 10 buoy: Thracian; No. 12 buoy: Marazion; No. 13 buoy: L15, L19; No. 15 buoy: Ruthenia. Foreign warships: — French Vigilante; Portuguese: Patria; American: Sacramento (at No. 11 buoy) and Chaumont (at No. 1 buoy).



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CAIRN LINE.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN  
FAVOUR.

A special general meeting of the Cairn Line Steamships was held in Newcastle, to confirm the resolutions approving of the reduction of capital passed at an extraordinary meeting on March 20.

Sir William Noble, Bart., was in the chair, and the resolutions were passed by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. R. S. Tate, of Trimdon, again led the opposition to the proposals. He attacked them as being unnecessary in view of the excellent state of the fleet, and suggested that the shareholders had never given the details to which they were entitled on the matter. He also suggested that it was strange that proposals for reduced capital should coincide with the arrangement between Cairns Noble and Co., the managing firm, and Furness Withy and Co. He moved that the meeting be adjourned, and a committee of shareholders be appointed. He said that he and those who agreed with him were prepared to carry their opposition to Court when the application was made.

Sir William Noble ruled the motion out of order, and said that much of Mr. Tate's speech was irrelevant to the questions before the meeting, but permitted him to read the long statement he had prepared.

Replying to Mr. Tate, the Chairman said that the coincidence referred to by Mr. Tate was a coincidence and nothing else. Some shareholders failed to appreciate the difference between physical depreciation and fall in values.

They had built ships and they had to build to carry on their trade at a time when ships plates were £19 per ton, and now they were about £28. They had one ship which cost £380,000, which could now be built for less than half that amount.

Neither their company nor any other could carry on meeting such reduced values out of profits. The proposals would put the company on sound financial basis, and he was pleased to say that the proxies showed that they had an overwhelming body of shareholders with them.

At the close, several of the old shareholders expressed their confidence in Sir Wm. Noble and his directors, and a vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

SWEDISH SHIPPING.

FOREIGNERS' BIG SHARE IN  
INCREASED TRADE.

According to a report in the "Kommersiella Meddelanden," Sweden's foreign shipping was considerably larger in 1927 than in 1926, amounting to 18.7 per cent. This increase, however, falls mainly on foreign vessels.

The increase for Swedish is only 1,061,862 tons, whilst for foreign vessels is 4,059,234 tons. A change has thus taken place in the extent of the participation of Swedish vessels in foreign shipping.

The share of Swedish vessels in 1927 is 50.8 per cent, was only 46.1 per cent in 1927.

In comparing the cargo-carrying and non-cargo-carrying tonnage it is found that the percentage in ballast was increased as regards arrivals from 24.7 per cent. in 1926 to 28.9 per cent. in 1927, but decreased for outgoing tonnage per cent. in 1927. The total increase in the former instance falls on foreign vessels. The ballast percentage has decreased for outgoing Swedish vessels from 16.2 in 1926 to 15.4 in 1927, but increased for foreign vessels from 15.6 to 15.7. It thus appears that with regard to cargo the position for Swedish vessels showed improvement.

The total tonnage of vessels arriving in Sweden in 1927 was increased for all the more important nations. German vessels

show the largest increase, which is probably connected with the large increase of the iron ore exports, amounting to more than 3 million tons, as compared with 1926.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Strait, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
MALWA	10,988	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	31st May	Strait, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	M'illes, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Bombay, Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June	Strait, Bombay
RANPURA	10,001	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	9,389	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	10,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NANKIN	7,058	28th July	M'illes, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	10,508	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NALDERA	10,688	1st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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*DEVANHA	8,155	17th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	21st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SANTHIA	6,715	24th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	2nd June	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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TALAMINA	8,019	17th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RAWALPINDI	10,619	22nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NELLORE	6,853	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	6,985	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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### LOSSES IN ANTIQUATED SEALING VESSELS.

### FUTURE FEARS.

Dealing with the question of sealing operations in the White Sea, in the columns of an Oslo contemporary, Captain Chr. Steenstrup states that this year six vessels have been lost, fourteen in 1927, seven in 1926 and nine in 1925, or a total of 36 in the four years, and he says that it is to be feared that further losses will take place.

On the other hand, he states that the Russians carry on sealing operations in the White Sea with large steel steamers, but it has not been heard that any of them have been lost. On the coast of Newfoundland sealing operations have been conducted for many years past on a much larger scale than by the Norwegians, but one does not hear of losses of the extent prevailing in the case of the Norwegian fleet. It must be obvious that matters cannot continue in this manner, as the sealing interests must either change their system or the trade will be over in a few years' time. The shipping companies have followed with the times by modernising their fleet, and the whaler companies have also followed the example, whereas the sealing undertakings still use old and small tonnage, which will soon have a world record in the percentage loss.

As the sealing fleet is retrogressing numerically and in quality, the captain states that the insurance premiums are rising and must increase year by year until the underwriters will not accept the risk or there are no more sealing vessels to insure.

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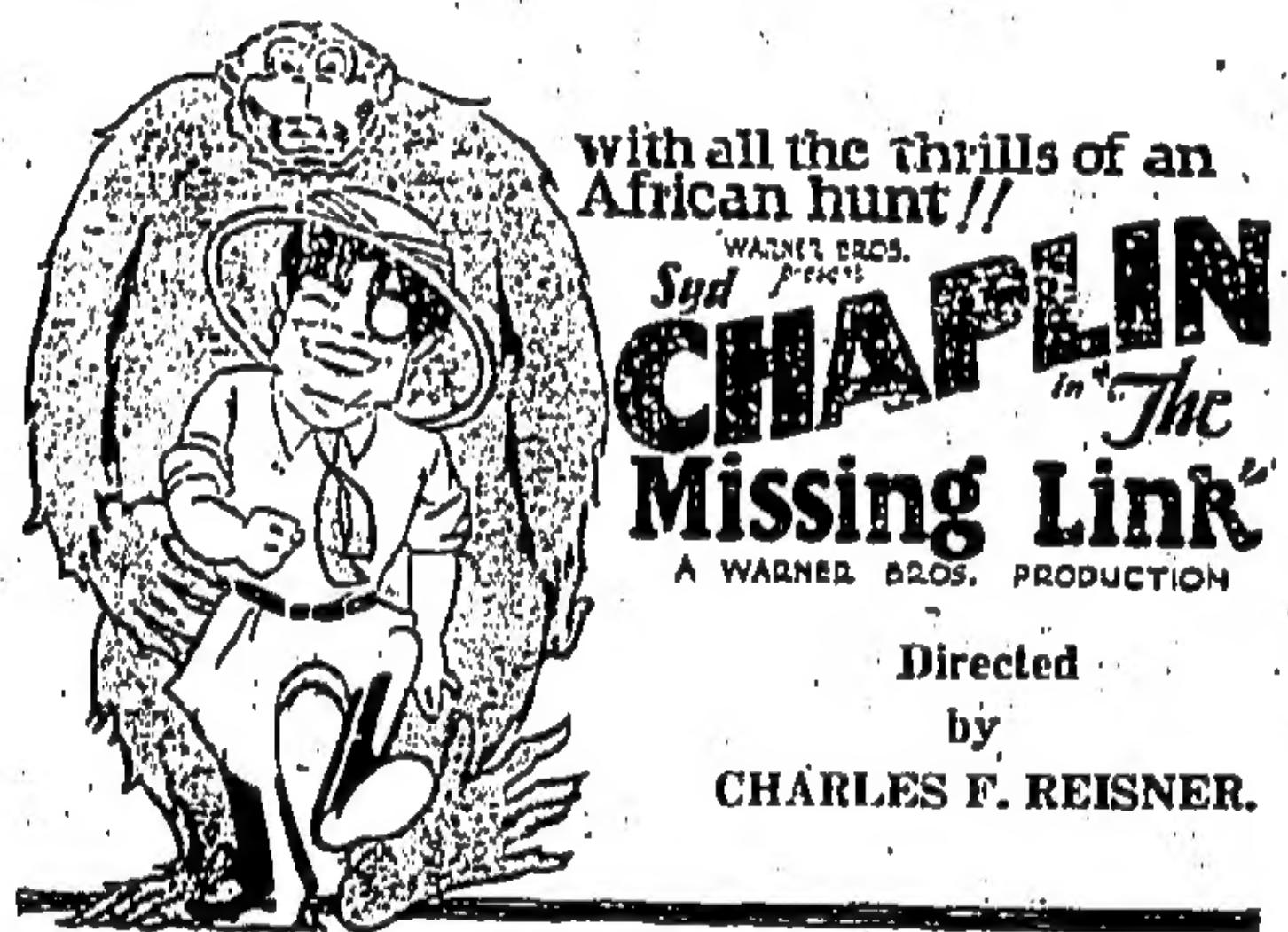
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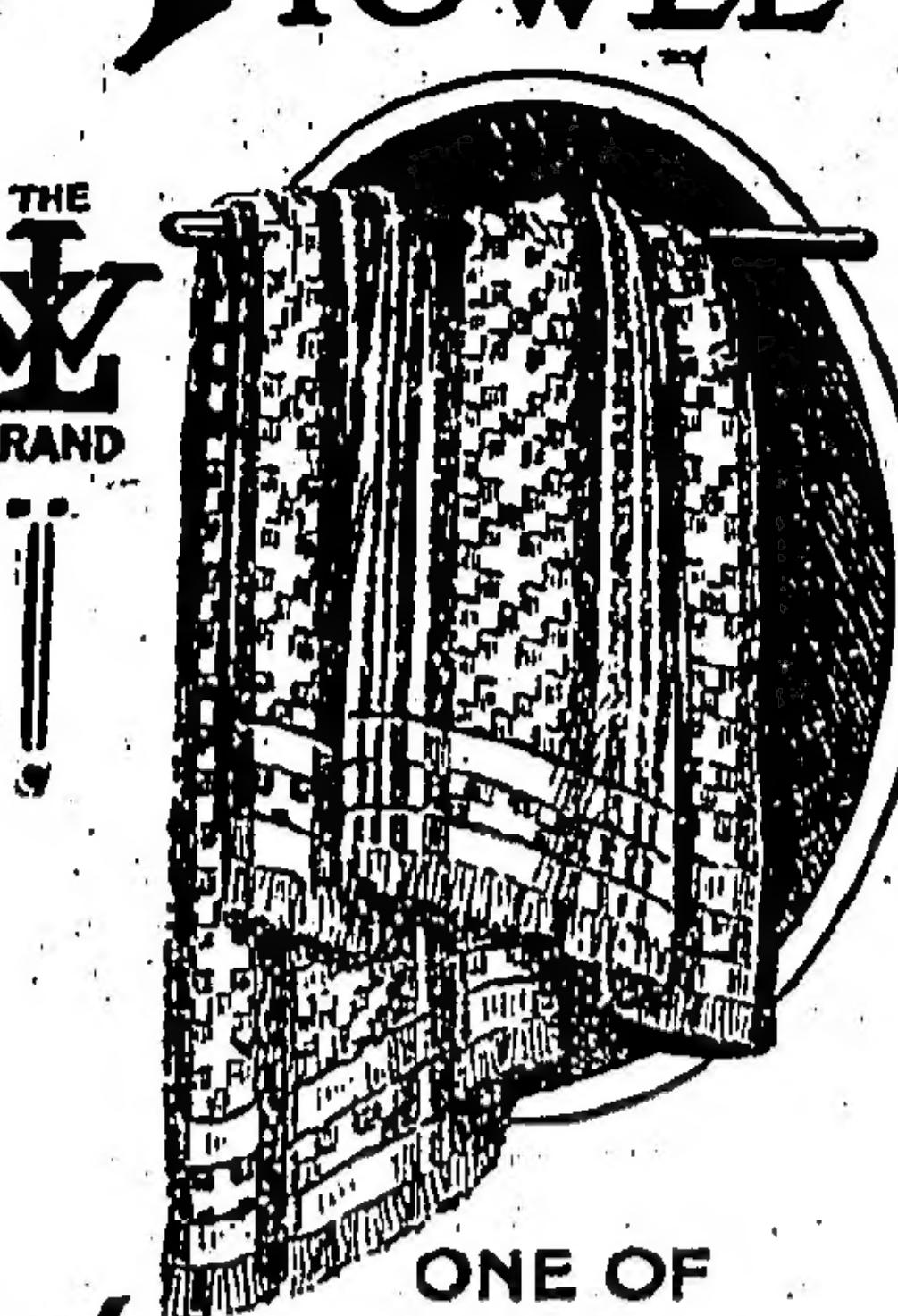
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## CHEQUES CASE.

CHIEF JUSTICE REPRIMANDS  
DEFENDANT.

## THE CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Tsang Fook, principal of the Tsang Fook Piano Co. of Ice House-street, who is defendant in an action by the Chinese sugar millionaire, Mr. Kwik Djeong-ung, was reprimanded by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., leading counsel for plaintiff, cross-examined Mr. Tsang in regard to the relationship between him and Lu Po-lun, a former employee of plaintiff who handed twenty cheques to defendant.

## A Man of Wealth.

On Mr. Tsang saying that he believed Lu Po-lun to be a man of wealth, but that he also sold large quantities of goods for him on a 5 per cent. commission, Mr. Potter asked whether it was not unusual for a wealthy Chinese gentleman to be connected with a firm on a commission basis. Mr. Tsang attempted to make a statement when His Lordship intervened and after reprimanding him, told him that he was only required to answer questions.

## Question Not Answered.

Thereupon Mr. Tsang said that it was not unusual. Mr. Potter asked for names, suggesting that defendant could write them if he disliked to disclose them to the public. Mr. Tsang wrote one name, it being that of a lady and did not give another. His Lordship ruled that the question had not been answered.

In his evidence in chief, Mr. Tsang said that he was \$200 out of pocket in his transactions with Lu Po-lun.

The case will be resumed tomorrow.

## CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

Tuesday.  
The great event of last week was the C. C. Government School sports meeting held on the Association ground on Wednesday, May 2.

There were several events open to students of other schools. The champion of the day was Chan Kong-chuen.

There were fewer foreign visitors on this occasion. Mrs. Franklin distributed the prizes (many of which had been specially donated) and the Director of Education (Mr. A. E. Wood) responded on her behalf.

The headmaster, in the course of his remark, voices the hope that by next year the sports would be held at the school's own ground near the new school (now under construction).

The theatre mashed for the Vegetarian Sect Theatre is now under construction. A good start has been made by the "road men" in getting the various paths in shape for the summer season. Our own correspondent.

## DUMPED ASHES.

Said to be of unsound mind, a Chinese woman was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. W. Schofield for dumping ashes on Crown land between buildings in Canton-road, and the Military barracks. She was caught early this morning by a foreman of the Sanitary Department. The charge was lodged by Insp. Rowland. A fine of \$5, with the alternative of 3 days, was inflicted.

## WHITE PIGEON.

CHINESE WOMEN AND A  
LITTLE GIRL.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A case in which three Chinese women were charged with "flying the white pigeon" occupied the attention of Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

The defendants who were alleged to have been concerned in the sale of a young Chinese girl who subsequently disappeared, were accused of obtaining \$236 by false pretences, or, as expressively termed by the Chinese, by "flying the white pigeon."

Replying to the charge, the defendants claimed that they had merely acted as "go-betweens," and denied that they had afterwards enticed the girl away.

The little girl was alleged by Sergeant Mottrem to have been sold to a Chinese couple living at No. 345, Nathan-road, Kowloon on April 5. The complainant's wife did not want to buy the girl, but after the first and third defendants had told a "hard luck" story about the father being ill and the mother requiring money to buy medicine, the couple's heart softened and they purchased the girl.

A document was "delivered" with the girl. This purported to bear the mother's signature as well as those of the two "go-betweens."

Two days later the girl disappeared, and a few hours afterwards, the second defendant who posed as the girl's mother called at the house and demanded where her daughter was. She was understood to have denied that the signature on the "bill of sale" was hers.

The complainants then went to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and the defendants were arrested. The case was adjourned.

## POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE HON. CAPTAIN  
SUPERINTENDENT.

## POLICE DUTIES.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, May 9, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon.

Dress:—Mufti.

Training—Part 2.

The classes for Instruction in Police Duties and Regulations under Inspector H. J. Paterson will be resumed at the Police Training School (corner of Nathan and Prince Edward-roads, Kowloon) on Thursday, May 10, at 6 p.m. sharp. All members of the Chinese, Indian, and Flying Squad Companies who have passed Part 1, and who have not yet passed Part 2 must attend.

Dress:—Mufti.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, May 10, at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki.

Special Patrol Duty.

The following Police Reservists will report at No. 7 Police Station on Friday, May 11, at 6.45 p.m. sharp for special patrol duty at West Point:—

10 members of the Chinese Company to be detailed by the O.C.

Dress:—Uniform Cap and white cover, Belt (no frog) and Truncheon.

4 members of the Flying Squad to be detailed by the O.C. Dress:—Khaki.

Sharpshooters' Company.

The fortnightly revolver practice will be held at Kennedy-road Range at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Members will assemble on the range with their revolvers, belts and holsters promptly at the hour stated.

(Sd.) W. KENT, A.S.P.,  
Adjutant.

## A. NUISANCE.

### KOWLOON CYCLIST FINED.

This morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. Schofield, a Chinese youth was charged by Traffic Inspector Hastings for riding on the wrong side of the road, thus causing a nuisance.

The Inspector said that yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, while on duty, he saw the defendant on a bicycle riding out of Soi-street into Mongkok-road. He followed the cyclist along Coronation-road near Shamshui-poo, and saw him riding close behind a Chinese Motor bus, on the wrong side of the road.

Nearing Shan Tung-street the defendant noticed the Inspector tracking him, and in his hurry fell down, to be arrested, and taken to the Mongkok Police Station.

"The cyclists are becoming a nuisance; we have had numerous complaints against them, and I have been put on special duty to catch them," added the Traffic Inspector.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$4.

## PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!

"I've come here to ask for your daughter's hand."

"When were you first struck by her?"

"Well—er—we've not quarrelled so far."

"Say, how about returnin' that corn-sheller of mine you borrowed six months ago?"

"Certainly, Jim! Just loan me your horse and dray and I'll fetch it right over."

Maid (opening door to one of the many admirers of the young mistress, who has just become engaged): "I don't think it's much good for you to come in, sir—Miss Dolly was suited yesterday!"

A landlord received a communication from one of his new tenants, requesting numerous household improvements, involving painting and decorating, plumbing and gasfitting, woodwork renewals, etc. The landlord ignored the letter, so the tenant called on him to learn the reason.

"Oh, yes," said the landlord. "I remember the letter quite well, but you put it in the wrong envelope—it was the one you intended to Santa Claus."

Visitor to Studio: "What is it?"  
Artist: "A sunset. Haven't you ever seen one?"

Visitor: "Yes; that's why I asked."

Dear Old Lady: "I see you have some land for sale?"

Estate Agent: "Yes, madam."

Dear Old Lady: "Well, I want about three yards to grow some seedlings on."

Edwin: "How does it feel to be marrying an heiress?"

Edward: "Great! Every time I kiss her I feel as if I were clipping the coupon off a Government bond."

A sailor and his girl sat hand in hand in the gallery of a music-hall, supremely happy, because they had just become betrothed.

"Bill," she whispered, "I am all-in-all to you and you are all-in-all to me. Will it always be so, Bill?"

"Yes," answered Bill. "All my life from now till the second of June, and from the third of November till death. Between the dates mentioned I shall be yokin' in the Mediterranean."

The city-bred young woman, who had been put in charge of a country school, said to the class in arithmetic.

"Now, children, if there are ten sheep on one side of a fence and one jumps over, how many sheep will be left?"

"No sheep, teacher," answered a little lass of five summers.

"Oh, no!" said the teacher, reproachfully. "You are not so stupid as that! Think again. If there were ten sheep on one side of the fence and one sheep jumped over, nine sheep would be left. Don't you see that?"

"No!" persisted the child. "If one sheep jumped over, all the others would jump after it. My father keeps sheep."

Then, seeing the puzzled look on the teacher's face, the little girl explained apologetically: "You know arithmetic, miss; but I know sheep!"

Tommy's mother gave him a book on etiquette instead of the usual "Robinson Crusoe." It thereafter became a pretty fragment of home life until Tommy's sister, in attempting to leave the room one day, found herself clutched by the hand, and flung violently backwards into the coal scuttle.

"You ignorant little beast," protested Tommy. "Don't you know that a gentleman should always open the door for you?"

## DO YOU KNOW?

### To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

1. Which London street is named after the meadow of which it once formed part?

2. What saffron is?

3. Which are the "twin cities of Minnesota?"

4. Why salads are so called?

5. Where's Old Sarum?

6. What dish is known at different stages of its life as parr and grilse?

## TWO CEREMONIES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing's Own Scottish Borderers, Lt.-Col. H. T. C. Ivens, 3rd/5th Punjab Regiment, Lt.-Col. J. D. Boyd, S.O., 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment, Lt.-Col. P. A. Cardew, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Major C. T. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, Major J. W. F. Muir, Deputy Asst. Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, Major J. F. Hanna, M.C., D.A.Q.M.G.; Squadron Leader McPherson, R.A.F. (Kai Tuck), Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, Mr. J. V. Franks, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. E. M. Hazelton.

## Chinese Elders Present.

In addition to the two Council representatives, the Chinese were represented by Dr. S. W. Tao and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin (members of the Sanitary Board) and the following: — representatives of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the District Watch Committee, Public Dispensaries Committee, Permanent Cemetery Committee, Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board, Tung Wah Hospital directors, Po Leung Kuk directors, Kwong Wah Hospital directors, Justices of the Peace and others; and a representative delegation of elders from the New Territories, led by Mr. J. Fraser (District Officer) also assembled to bid His Excellency godspeed.

Police arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. Kent (A.S.P.), Chief Inspector P. Grant and others, Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy and Det. Inspector Lane had charge of the detectives on the pier and in the crowd. Mr. E. R. Dovey, led the Police Reserve Sharpshooters and members of the Police Reserve Flying Squad and Chinese Company were on duty.

## Salute of 17 Guns.

On either side of Queen's Pier a Water Police launch was posted to keep traffic clear.

After shaking hands with all present, His Excellency, Lady Clementi, their children, H.E.'s staff and others embarked on the s.s. "Victor" to cross the harbour to join the "Empress of Russia" which will convey Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi and family to Vancouver.

A salute of seventeen guns was fired as His Excellency's launch moved off.

## SWORN IN.

Chief Justice officiates At Ceremony.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn was sworn in as Officer Administering the Government to-day, the ceremony being held at Government House; owing to the fact that the Council Chamber is in process of reconstruction.

There were present members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, heads of Government Departments, the senior Naval and Military officers and others.

## Mace in Procession.

The usual procession was held, preceded by Mr. J. Wiltshire, Head Bailiff, who carried the mace.

The swearing-in ceremony was performed by Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) being also present.

This is the second occasion on which Mr. Southorn has had charge; the first being when Sir Cecil Clementi went to Japan and North China last year. Mr. Southorn only recently returned from long leave.

## Official Calls.

To-day, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government paid official calls on H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Luard) and Commodore Pearson (as representing the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt).

## FOR PRINCE.

SEVEN YEARS' LAWSUIT SETTLED.

Vienna.—The ownership of vast estates valued at £6,000,000 was decided at Prague after trial which had lasted seven years.

The estates involved were those left by the late Prince Philip of Coburg, brother of the ex-Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, on his death in 1921.

Prince Philip was at the time declared to have left his entire estates and family fortune, together valued at £120,700,000, to his nephews, Prince Josias of Coburg and Prince Cyril of Bulgaria.

A suit to set aside the will was, however, immediately filed by Princess Louise of Coburg, daughter of the late King Leopold of the Belgians and the divorced wife of the late Prince Philip. She claimed the whole of the fortune on the ground that she had been wrongfully divorced by the late Prince.

## PAPER THEFTS.

TWO CHINESE SENT TO JAIL.

## GREED THEIR UNDOING.

Two Chinese pleaded "guilty" before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to charges of obtaining by false pretences on different dates two lots of brown wrapping paper from the Ying Cheong Sang paper shop, 200, Des Voeux-road West.

According to the Detective Sergeant Whant, who prosecuted, the first defendant was formerly employed by the Man Li Chan sandalwood shop of Koshing-street who obtained their supply of wrapping paper from the complainant firm. After he left the employ of the Man Li Chan shop, defendant entered into a conspiracy with No. 2 to defraud the Ying Cheong Sang shop.

They went together to the shop and by representing that they had come from the Man Li Chan shop obtained without difficulty 20 cartons of wrapping paper. Their greed proved their undoing, as after their first visit, the Ying Cheong Sang people found that they had been cheated of the paper.

Two days ago the accused went to the shop and ordered a further 15 cartons of wrapping paper in the name of the Man Li Chan shop. The paper was supplied to them, but a fokl followed the accused when they left the shop, and he gave them in charge to the first policeman he met. The accused did not bolt because they were not aware that they were being shadowed.

Both accused were sentenced to four weeks' hard labour on each of the two charges. His Worship directing that the terms should run consecutively.

## HEAT PERILS.

## INSANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

## BIG INCREASE.

Manila, May 5. The increasing number of insanity cases caused by the excessive rise of the temperature during April is alarming the officials of the Philippine health service.

Contrary to other epidemics where health officials can immediately lay hand to check them, the increasing cases of insanity cannot be prevented because there is no known therapeutic against attacks of insanity, a prominent health official declared yesterday.

According to the records of the city insane asylum at Bucane, Bulacan, 39 insane people were admitted during the month of April alone. This number represents the cases of insanity which were discovered in Manila and the neighbouring municipalities only.

Reports of district health officials in the provinces also contain new cases of insanity, though not in such alarming proportion as in the city.

With the increase of insane cases, it is feared that the overcrowded condition of the San Lazaro insane asylum, the only insane sanatorium under the Philippine health service, will become unbearable for the inmates.

At present more than 500 insane cases are confined in San Lazaro. Because of lack of space, the newly discovered insane cases in the provinces will remain under the custody of the district health inspectors of every province, Dr. Eugenio Hernando, acting director of health, announced yesterday.

## EGYPT'S POLITICS.

## FINANCE MINISTER WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION.

## AT KING FUAD'S REQUEST.

Cairo, Yesterday. The Finance Minister, Mohamed Pasha Mahmoud, has withdrawn his resignation on King Fuad's request.—Reuter.

Her daughter, the Archduchess Dorothea, brought a claim for the prince's personal estate, which was valued at £700,000.

Litigation was begun in four of the world's capitals—Vienna, Berlin, Budapest and Prague—in all of whose countries Prince Philip had owned property. Princess Louise was the one which found its way to Trinity-square, Southwark, which was being laid out in 1825.

"I certainly think," Mr. Wilson added, "that if the statue discovered in Stockwell proves to have been one of those taken away from Westminster Hall, an effort should be made to secure its return."

A further consignment of gold arrived recently at Riga from Moscow for shipment abroad, but

## COMIC HERO.

SYD CHAPLIN COMING AGAIN.

## THE MISSING LINK.

The comical hero of "Charlie's Aunt," "Oh! What a Nurse," "The Man on the Box" and a dozen other big comedy successes, Syd Chaplin, will be seen in a brand new comedy, "The Missing Link," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Syd Chaplin in this big film appears as a discouraged young poet who is carried off to the wilds of Africa, through a ludicrous series of mishaps, and is there compelled to pose as a famous big game hunter searching for the ferocious "Missing Link." The picture contains, besides the "Link" itself, a wonderfully clever chimpanzee whose antics are the source of many a laugh. Syd Chaplin is supported by an excellent cast which includes Ruth Hatt, Tom McGuire and Crawford Kent. "The Missing Link" was directed by Charles F. Reisner, who made most of Syd Chaplin's other famous comedy successes.

## AN OLD MYSTERY.

## WESTMINSTER HALL'S LONG LOST TREASURES.

## STATUES FOUND.

By one of those strange chances which are the reward of patient antiquarians a statue which probably stood in Westminster Hall in 1395 has been discovered buried waist-deep in mud in a Stockwell garden.

If the statue is what it is supposed to be, the mystery of the fate of a whole series of statues which formerly stood in Westminster Hall, and which disappeared completely 100 years ago, will be to some extent explained, relates the "Morning Post."

The statue was found by the Vicar of St. Matthew's Church, Southwark, the Rev. T. P. Stevens, who explained that he was searching for a figure of Charles II, which formerly stood outside the old Southwark Town Hall, and which disappeared about 100 years ago.

"I put a note about it in the Southwark Diocesan Gazette," Mr. Stevens said, "and asked any reader who had any knowledge of its existence to communicate with me. A resident in Meadow-road, Stockwell, rang me up the other day to say that there was a statue buried in rubbish in his back garden. He knew nothing about it, and considered that it was valueless, but said that I might go along and examine it."

A Crowned King. "I did so, and found not Charles II, but a crowned king, about five or six feet in height, with an orb in the left hand. The right hand is broken away, and the whole thing is very weatherworn and dilapidated. The remarkable thing about it is that it is in the same style as the statue in Trinity square, Southwark, supposed to be one of King Alfred, which came from Westminster Hall in 1826, and is supposed to be at least 500 years old."

"An antiquarian who has seen the statue thinks that it is quite probable that it once stood in a niche in the north porch of Westminster Hall. This theory is supported by the fact that it is hollowed slightly at the back, as though for a niche."

The Superintendent of Yards at the Houses of Parliament, Mr. T. Wilson, was greatly interested in the discovery.

"What happened to at least a dozen statues which formerly stood in Westminster Hall has been a mystery ever since 1826," he said.

"Richard II ordered the restoration of Westminster Hall after a fire in 1396. It was then that the north porch with many niches and statues, was built. A hundred years or more later two taverns, named 'Heaven' and 'Hell,' for some queer reason, were built against the north wall of the porch, hiding most of the niches and statues.

"It was not until 1826 that the clearance of these taverns, or coffee houses, as they were, was ordered. An amazing thing happened. The builders cleared away all the statues too, and with one exception they disappeared completely. The exception was the one which found its way to Trinity-square, Southwark, which was being laid out in 1825.

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## BRITISH LEGION.

## LOCAL BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

## RELIEF WORK.

The following report will be submitted to the members at the seventh annual general meeting to be held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, at 5.15 p.m., on Friday, May 11:

The amount expended in relief work during 1927, was \$2,469.80 which was considerably more than for the previous year viz. \$1,541.56. Relief given included the provision of passages to England for a lady and two children, financial assistance, temporary keep, and coastal passages for several men, while one man was found a situation in the Colony.

Our funds have been maintained by members' subscriptions, the annual interest from the late Sir Paul Chater's fund and also donations from the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Hong Kong Boxing Association, and we thank the latter organisations for their annual support to our usefulness.

It is unfortunate to have to report that our membership has decreased during the year and we take this opportunity of asking all members to bring to the notice of any ex-service men and women of their acquaintance who are not members the fact that there is a Branch of the Legion in the Colony. As our work is charitable and not spectacular, it is liable to be lost sight of.

As usual, we carried out the Poppy Day drive organised by our parent body at home and we were successful in remitting the sum of \$1,939.60, to Earl Haig's Fund, an improvement on the figure of \$1,517.14, for the previous year.

We have again to thank Mr. J. G. Gordon Lonsdale and his sub-committee for their excellent work.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Earl Haig, our President, in January this year. Your Committee telegraphed to the Headquarters of the Legion expressing our sense of profound loss and deepest sympathy with Lady Haig in her great bereavement. We also arranged for one of the members of the Committee, who was at home, to represent us at the funeral and to place a wreath on behalf of the local branch and also the E. A. S. M. A.

All the Committee retire and it is requested that members will send in nominations (signed by two members) to the Hon. Secretary, or be prepared to propose names at the Meeting.

The thanks of members are due to Mr. A. Ritchie for auditing the accounts of both the Poppy Day and Annual Accounts.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. "Malaya" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 15.

## MR. "POKER" HEATH.

## SHANGHAI LAWYER RE-ARRESTED.

## A WIRELESS MESSAGE.

Shanghai, April 19. Mr. "Poker" Heath, who was sentenced by the U.S. Court for China to 18 months' imprisonment in McNeil's Island Penitentiary, for his part in the Heath-Husar-Woodward case, was released from the penitentiary, but was re-arrested again by the United States Marshal in Tacoma, Washington.

It will be recalled that counsel for Heath applied to the U.S. District Court in Tacoma, Washington, for a writ of habeas corpus, which alleged mis-information in the original indictment in Shanghai, inasmuch as the information here did not specify that Heath was a United States citizen in the same paragraph which described the crime.

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## Shadows Before

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Ace of Cads."

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To-day—Star Theatre; "Diplomacy."

May 10—Dance, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 12—Dance, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 13—Music, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 13-15—Queen's Theatre; Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link."

Sports.

To-day—Whist Drive, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

May 11—St. Joseph's College Athletic Sports, Sookumpong ground, Causeway Bay, commencing, 1 p.m.

May 13—Eight extra race meet

ing of the I.R.R.C., Macao.

Lammerts' Auction.

May 9—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

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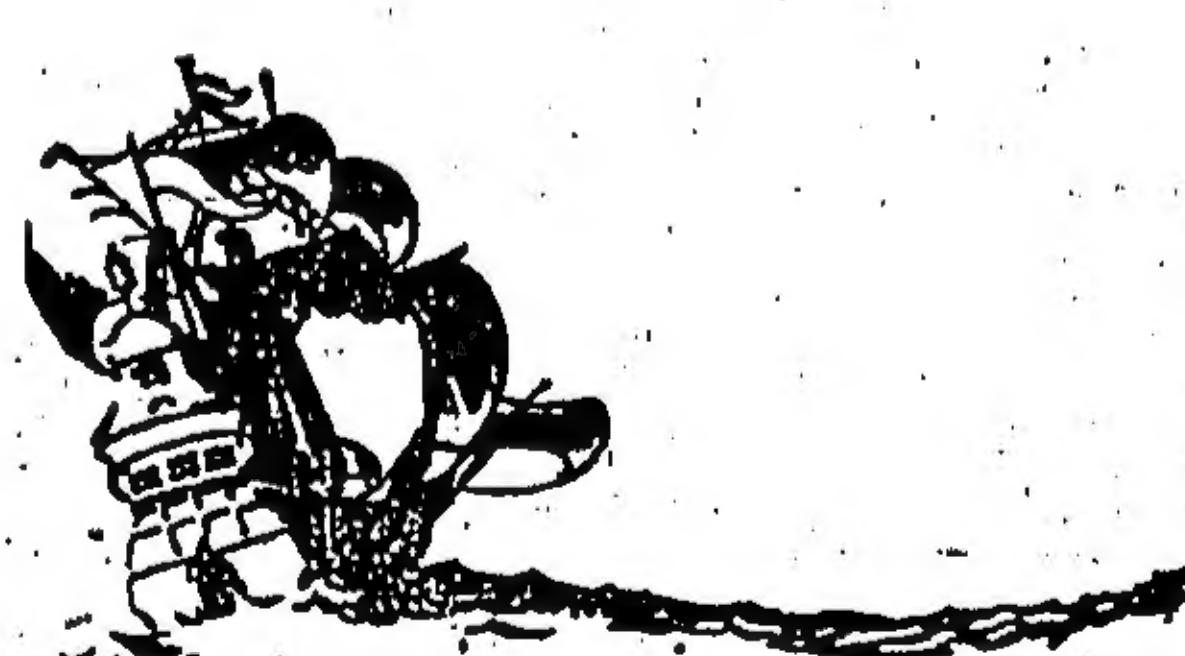
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Alderman W. C. McLoughlin, of Andover, Hampshire, who was Mayor of Andover in 1903-4, died recently from heart failure.

Mr. David Turnbull, of the Shanghai Dock &amp; Engineering Co., left for Home last week by the Japanese mail. He expects to be away until the autumn.

The Rev. John C. Hawk, D.D., will be the preacher at the morning service of the Community Church, Shanghai, last Sunday, and his theme will be "Mother's Day."

The Clacton lifeboat recently went to the rescue of four medical students from Guy's Hospital, who were in a small yacht named "Coquette," which appeared to be in difficulties.

Sir William Solomon, Chief Justice of South Africa, has been appointed a Privy Councillor.

Sir Thomas Beecham conducted the orchestra of the Paris Conservatoire at the Opera in Paris last month.

It was stated at a meeting of the House of Commons British Olympic Games Committee that £400 of the £1,000 which the committee hopes to raise has already been collected.

The Ministry of Health has upheld the decision of the Luton (Bedfordshire) District Council refusing to approve plans for the construction of a greyhound racing track on land near Icknield-road, Limbury.

The Albert Bridge spanning the Thames between Datchet and Windsor was opened last month replacing a bridge built in 1852.

The receipts for the Diocesan Boys' School concert amounted to £402.50, which amount, less expenses, is being paid into the New School Equipment Fund.

Mr. Chang Fu-jiang, a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry and the School of Agriculture of the University of Georgia, spoke at the Current Issues Class last week in room 206 of the American School, Shanghai. His subject is "Some Constructive Factors in Chinese Society." All are welcome. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Madrid, April 6.—With ancient ceremony King Alfonso to-day granted a pardon to three men who had been condemned to death. The King and Queen and Court clothed in the severest garments attended a public service in the morning at the palace. The kneeling monarch prayed audibly at the moment of the consecration, after which the Patriarch of the Indies carried to him a tray bearing the petitions of the condemned tied with black bands. The patriarch said: "Sire, the justice of earth has condemned them to the extreme penalty. Do you pardon them?" The King: "I pardon them that God may pardon me. Immediately the black bands were changed for white as sign of pardon.

Brussels.—Zoubkov, the ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, is back in Belgium, the only country where for the moment he can live without the fear of a policeman ordering him to move on. He had left Brussels for Aix-la-Chapelle, taking back to her husband Mme. Alice Nyssens, the 34-years-old Belgian blonde who had been, as it were, lent to him to arrange his voyage to the Belgian Congo. The plan however, was vetoed by the Belgian Colonial Office. At Aix-la-Chapelle he was reminded forcibly that the expulsion order made against him in Germany was in force, and so he recrossed the frontier to Verviers. There he arrived at the Grand Hotel with a prettier and younger woman than Mme. Nyssens. His new companion is said to be Fraulein Gerda Hollman, who is 24, the daughter of an industrialist of Bochum. Zoubkov, furious at being stared at by the hotel guests as people stare at a rare addition to a zoo, took to his heels and was quickly lost in the streets of the town. The beautiful Gerda, who was abandoned in the flight, sought refuge in her apartments. Zoubkov's permit to remain in Belgium has expired and he is hoping to be able to stay in the Free City of Danzig.



New York.—Howard Lloyd Cox (left) Brooklyn navigator, and Jose Gatti, Argentine ace, who recently arrived in this country to prepare for the flight which he and Cox will make in April from the national capital to that of Argentina, Buenos Aires. This first flight by a North and South American together will be made in a Sison-Detroiter monoplane. The 7,500 mile trip will be punctuated with a number of stops.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Castleman, of Traraby, Portsmouth-road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, who recently returned from a world tour, lost more than £200 worth of jewellery when their house was raided.

The diphtheria epidemic at Whittlesey, near Peterborough, is now on the wane, although the schools, which were closed five weeks ago, have not been reopened.

Among the departures for Home by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" sailing to-day is Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor A. F. Mackenzie, Bart., D.S.O., M.V.O., the popular officer commanding 2nd Battalion Scots Guards stationed at Shamblesbury. Major E. C. T. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., will take over the command of the Battalion.

Major C. Willson yesterday imposed a fine of \$5 on a fish seller, charged at the Central Magistracy with offering a bribe of 20 cents to an Indian constable. The defendant said that on April 4 the Indian demanded 20 cents from him for the privilege of placing his fish buckets outside the entrance of the Central Market in Des Voeux-road. When he saw the constable again on April 6, he concluded that the constable wanted more money and gave him another 20 cents without being asked. According to the Indian constable, he had been on market duty only since April 5, and therefore could not be the man who received 20 cents from the fish seller on the 4th.

London. Yesterday.—Relying to Miss Wilkinson (Labour) who urged that there should be an enquiry into the sentence of two months' hard labour and a birching passed upon a Chinese, Young Ping-wong, of Hong Kong, for possessing seditious literature, Mr. L. Amery (Dominions' Secretary) said that the sentence accorded with the law and called for no special enquiry.—Reuters.

As a result of numerous complaints of the objectionable manner in which motor car touts pester people to hire cars in the Western District, West Point police carried out a systematic "combing out" on Monday. In consequence, six touts were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday and four were fined \$5 each, with a warning that if they were charged again the fine would be doubled. The fifth man, with a previous conviction, was fined \$10, and a youth was ordered to receive six strokes of the rattan.

At Whitfield Barracks last evening, a fire broke out in a mashed lavatory in the grounds near the Sepoy lines. The flames spread so rapidly that the mashed was completely destroyed within a few minutes. Two appliances from the Kowloon Fire Brigade were on the scene within a couple of minutes of receipt of the alarm at 7.30, but on arrival, found that there was nothing to do but to allow the fire to burn itself out, care being taken to prevent the flames from spreading to neighbouring structures. This was successfully accomplished.

The National Products Exhibition was opened at Hangchow last week and some 40 local manufacturers left for the West Lake city to attend. The Bureau of Industry of Greater Shanghai has issued a manifesto to the public, calling upon them to use national goods wherever possible in order to encourage local industries. Attention is called to the fact that at last year's conference of the Associated Chambers of Commerce a resolution was passed that national products and Chinese cloths should be purchased in preference to imported articles.

The closing event in the Hong Kong Basket Ball League, Student Division, will be the awarding of trophies to the winners. This will be done by Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Thursday afternoon at 4.30. The finals were played last Friday afternoon, when the St. Paul's College Team was successful in the Senior Division and the Ying Wah Team in the Junior Division. After the awarding of trophies there will be an exhibition Team and a selected team from other schools. This will terminate an exceptionally successful season.

In connection with the effort to eradicate malaria, the second address in the series of lectures at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will be given on evening at 8 o'clock by Dr. T. M. Ware of the Government Medical Department. This address will deal with diseases caused by insect bites, the effect of the fever of malaria upon the health and economic condition of the people, and methods of dealing with the patient. As in the first lecture, the speaker will use non-technical terms and propose measures that are within the reach of all. The meeting is open to the public without expense.

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NO HATE IN "DAWN."

BELGIAN PRAISE FOR NURSE CAVELL FILM.

COLUMNS OF PRAISE.

Brussels.—Amid columns of praise, the Belgian Press can find only one criticism to level against the Nurse Cavell film, "Dawn," which was shown for the first time in public recently in a Brussels cinema.

PAVLOVA SWAN.

IN DISGRACE AFTER OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.

A "GAOL-BIRD."

One of Pavlova's swans was arrested at Golders Green recently and lodged in a cell at the police station, charged with obstructing the traffic, and assaulting the police. Its identity had not then been discovered. Inquiries established its

THEATRE CROWD.

LONDON SCENES ON A RECENT NIGHT.

FAINTING WOMEN.

Extraordinary scenes took place at the Lyceum Theatre, Strand, on a recent night when some 20 police tried to control a crowd—estimated at 7,000—of people who had been standing all the afternoon in a queue in the hope of seeing the variety performance given in aid of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road.

The whole of the island site was surrounded by the queue, which was four deep, and within ten minutes of the opening of the theatre's doors all the unreserved parts, pit, gallery, and pit stalls, were full.

Exeter-street, Tavistock-street, and Wellington-street were impassable, and traffic in the Strand became disorganized. Many women fainted in the crush.

Ticket-Holders Guarded.

The queue stretched up Burleigh-street to Covent Garden, and when it was announced that the gallery was full an attempt was made to rush the doors, and extra police were sent to reinforce the men guarding the pit entrance, to which hundreds of people hurried from the gallery doors.

Five constables struggled to get the pit doors closed, while others tried to prevent the crowd from rushing the entrance. From the pit the crowd surged to the front of the house, and within a few minutes the main staircase was thronged with people clamouring for admission.

Meanwhile, ticket-holders had to be escorted through the crowd by constables who pushed a way through.

Finally more police arrived and lined the main entrance, but it was more than half an hour before the street was cleared.

President Coolidge has sent a message to Congress requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 as expenses for United States participation in the international conference in London in 1929, which would seek a revision of the 1914 Safety of Life at Sea Convention.

Pavlova in her garden in North End-road, Golders Green—flew away from home about three weeks ago. The gaol-bird was utterly shameless when it returned in disgrace, still holding its head as high as ever.



Houston, Texas.—Photos show (upper) Clem Shaver drives the mules while Jesse H. Jones handles the plow in breaking ground for temporary hall to be built for Democratic presidential convention. (Lower) General view of the site.

The "Sleele" voices the opinion of the majority of Belgian newswriters and the public when it says:

Mr. Wilcox, the producer, has shown a constant and exaggerated care to present the Germans in such a favourable light that the sentencing to death of Miss Cavell becomes almost psychologically illogical. Throughout the film it is obvious that the producer has been actuated by thoughts of pacifism.

Not a single critic can find an offensive gesture in the picture. "Le Matin," of Antwerp, for instance, writes:

Nothing, absolutely nothing, from beginning to end can stir up hatred against Germany. It is a placid film of concentrated emotion which the world should see.

Miss Sybil Thorndike in the role of Nurse Cavell is universally praised. "She has incarnated the part of Miss Cavell with dignified and true emotion," is the verdict of the "Nation Belge."

"Le Soir" says: "Even to the subtleties the producer has kept any thought of hate out of the film. The picture merits being seen by every Belgian."

ownership and there being extenuating circumstances, the police acceded to the appeals of Mme. Pavlova to release her pet.

Its offences, to which there was a great crowd of witnesses, arose from natural excitement after the bird had been slightly injured in an accident.

The swan arrived—apparently by air—at Golders Green Tube station after lunch, and wandered about the station all the afternoon, as though awaiting a friend due by train. At length, showing signs of impatience, the bird flew off, and unluckily collided with the overhead tram wires. Amid a cloud of feathers it fell to the ground, narrates the "Daily News."

P. C. Hunt, on traffic duty, went to the rescue, but his intentions were either misunderstood or resisted. The swan flew around him, fiercely striking out with its wings.

The contest continued for some time, all traffic being held up and a big crowd looking on. At last the constable gained the mastery and marched off with the bird under his arm to the lock-up:

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SATURDAY, MAY 12.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 5th June ..... Talthybius ..... 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia ..... Novara ..... 3.30 p.m.  
 Amoy ..... Anhui ..... 5 p.m.

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## BRITISH TRADE.

Country Returning To Normal.

## CYCLE INDUSTRY.

Britain Leads In Motor And Pedal Cycles.

London, Yesterday. It is suggested that it would not necessarily be advantageous for the manufacturers to establish in Britain systems for mass production of common qualities of steel products. It is declared that the position of industry is improving, manufacturers being convinced that Britain has got back to the normal rate of steady increase that obtained before 1914.

It is noted that the motor industry is improving and that Britain is likely to lead the world in production of motor cycles, the only serious competitor being the United States. Britain also leads in pedal cycles, Germany coming next. Great progress has been made since the war in electrical manufacturing. The output of lamps has been better since the war than before and exports of telegraph and telephone instruments and apparatus have increased. The export of electric lamps has more than trebled in the same period. We have regained supremacy in shipbuilding. The tonnage launched in 1927 rose to nearly fifty-four per cent. of the world's output.—British Wireless Service.

## "THE SCAPEGOAT."

CARRYING CONTRABAND OPIUM AT 10 CTS. PER TAEL.

## COUNSEL'S PLEA.

A Chinese named Ho Yung was, this morning, charged by Chief Preventive Officer Clark, before Major C. Wilson, with the unlawful possession of 140 taels of prepared, non-Government opium.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, who appeared for the defence, said that having regard to the circumstances under which the accused was found with the opium, he had advised him to plead "guilty" to a technical offence. He (Mr. Remedios) proposed to put the facts of the case before his Worship, and would ask him, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, to deal with the accused leniently.

## Plea for Leniency.

The accused, Mr. Remedios said, was a runner to a broker. Yesterday he met an acquaintance named Wong San who told him that he had a friend who wanted to buy shares, and invited the accused to go to the Chung Kwook restaurant to meet the prospective buyer. They went to the restaurant in the company of three other Chinese, but found that the man who wanted to buy shares was not there. They sat in a room for a while waiting for Wong San's friend, after which Wong asked the other three men to go and look for the prospective buyer. After the accused and Wong were left alone in the room, the latter put before the accused a proposition to carry contraband opium, offering him ten cents per tael. Whilst this conversation was going on, Revenue Officers raided the room. Wong escaped but the accused was detained, and when the opium was found in the room he was arrested.

Mr. Remedios suggested that the accused had been made the scapegoat, and he had advised the accused to plead guilty because he had admitted to C.P.O. Clark that he had intended to carry the opium for Wong San.

Major Wilson said that in the circumstances he did not see how it could be said that the accused was the "scapegoat".

Mr. Remedios replied that accused was the scapegoat in that he was prevailed upon in the first place to go to the restaurant on the pretext that Wong San had a customer for shares, and it was afterwards that Murphy for allowing the basement of the house to be used for the question of the opium was brought up. Mr. Remedios added that he thought Mr. Clark would agree with him that the accused was more of a fool than a knave.

Replying to the Magistrate, C. P. O. Clark said that Mr. Remedios had told the Magistrate all that he could have said about the matter, but the fact remained that

## HEAVY PENALTY.

Hungarian Writer And Appeal Court.

## REVISED SENTENCE.

Quarter Of A Million Pengoes For The Treasury.

Budapest, Yesterday. The Court of Appeal has reduced the sentence on Hatvany to four years' imprisonment and a fine of 6,000 pengoes with ten years' deprivation of political rights along with payment of a quarter of a million pengoes to the treasury.—Reuter.

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These drastic penalties were inflicted in consequence of writings criticising the "White regime" in Hungary while in exile after the downfall of the Communist regime. On return from exile Hatvany was arrested and tried on a charge of damaging the good name of Hungary abroad.]

## RUSSIAN PRINCE.

KILLED IN A STREET BRAWL AT NICE.

## EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICIAN.

Nice, Yesterday. Prince Jean Kropotkin, nephew of the well-known anarchist, was involved in a street brawl last night, with the result that some Amer-

## IT MAY RAIN.

N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, cloudy, probably rain later, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A fresh anticyclone has developed over N. China and a depression covers Japan. The typhoon is situated more than 300 miles E.S.E. of Aparsi, moving north-east.

## Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day:

5 p.m., 8th: Typhoon in about 126deg. Long. E. and 15deg. Lat. N., moving N.

## can sailors hit him on the head. The blows were not heavy enough to kill in the ordinary way, but the prince's skull had been trepanned during the war. The post-mortem revealed that he died from cerebral hemorrhage.

The prince fought under General Wrangel against the Bolsheviks. He was lately employed at a film studio as an electrician.—Reuter.

## Accused was found "guilty" of unlawful possession of dangerous goods, and the above sentence was imposed.

## PROpaganda!

SOVIET'S PERNICIOUS METHODS IN EGYPT.

## Cairo, Yesterday.

The documents seized in connection with the arrest of Communists in Cairo, none of whom were Egyptians, show that those arrested were in direct relations with Moscow. From this source they received funds and propaganda to induce Egyptian youths to go to Moscow to study Bolshevik principles.—Reuter.

## CONSPIRACY.

SEQUEL TO THE ARRESTS AT DONETZ COAL BASIN.

## Moscow, Yesterday.

As a result of the preliminary enquiry into the charge framed as "a revolutionary conspiracy to wreck the coal mines of Shakhty in the district of the Donets coal basin," 50 Russians and 3 Germans will be charged with planning an "economic counter revolution."—Reuter.

## ASSASSINATED?

## UNCONFIRMED REPORT AS TO SENOR GOMEZ.

## New York, Yesterday.

There is an unconfirmed report that Senor Gomez, the President of Venezuela, has been assassinated.

—Reuter's American Service.

A Chinese trader, living at No.

181 Des Voeux-road, West, reported to the police on Monday that at

5 p.m. he was entrusted to two coolies 200 catties of salt fish

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